

Legislative Meeting of the City Council  
Austin, Tex. May 6, 1855  
Hon. R. L. White Mayor, presiding

Roll Called

Present Aldermen Crooker Haynes Moore  
Moore T. H. Schleider Redd Schneider Seitz, Hinman  
Smith Reith 12

Absent Aldermen Mackay & McAddax 2

On Motion the Minutes were approved as  
recorded by the Clerk, without reading

Finances, Memorials etc

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from  
East Austin Hose Co extending an invitation to the Mayor  
City Council and City Officials to attend their anniversary  
Ball, which was on motion accepted.

By the Mayor petition from Frank Trade for damages  
Read and on motion referred to the Committee on  
Claims & Accounts.

By Alderman Redd - Petition of Citizens to open a  
certain street in South Austin - Read and on  
motion referred to the Street Committee with  
instructions to investigate and report at the next  
regular meeting of the Council

By Alderman Shelday, petition of H. L. Munro for permission  
to put in wagon scale at No 6<sup>th</sup> and Plaza Streets.  
On motion the petition was granted

By Alderman Moore, petition of Isaac Joseph Cates  
for permission to put in wooden sidewalk in alley  
lot No 1 Block 63. Read and on motion referred to  
the Street Committee with power to act

By Alderman Moore, petition of Citizens to allow the  
H&F C R R Co to put in a spur track on 4th Street  
east from G Avenue. Read and on motion laid over  
to come up with an ordinance on the subject <sup>on Tuesday next for discussion - Refd to Com. on Public Works</sup>

No finished business

At 250. City Labor Fund  
The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance  
appropriating the sum of \$250.00 for the purpose of paying for  
extra street labor & teams.

The ordinance was read the third time and passed  
by the following vote

Yes Aldermen Crooker Haynes Moore Redd Schneider  
Seitz, Hinman Smith Reith 9

Nay Aldermen Mackay & McAddax 2

New Business

McDermott Shelday moved a resolution requesting  
the Legislature to furnish the City Council with a sum  
of money for the city, minimum \$1200.00, unless or  
\$500 as necessary. The resolution was adopted

Corporation Court  
Ordinance

By Alderman Schneider An ordinance to provide for the election of a Recorder of the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, and to put said Court into operation.

Read the first time and on motion of Alderman Schneider referred to the ordinance committee.

Chambers chosen to take  
in record

By Alderman Hume Resolution requesting the Legislature to amend the City Charter so as to include within the City limits certain property belonging to J.W. Beard. The resolution was read and adopted.

By Aldermen Shumate & Haynes An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$60.<sup>13</sup> for repairs to East Austin Fire Hall. The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Fire Committee.

By Alderman Shelley an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$150. for the purpose of putting in a fire hydrant on West 10th Street. The ordinance was read the first time and on motion the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed on its second reading by the following vote - Yeas - Aldermen Crook & Haynes Hume Miller Moore Dibschke Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith Ulrich 11

Nays none. The ordinance was read the second time. Alderman Schneider moved to amend same by striking out in the caption & body of the ordinance "\$150." and inserting in lieu thereof "\$125<sup>00</sup>" The amendment was adopted and the ordinance as amended was passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote - Yeas - Aldermen Crook & Haynes Hume Miller Moore Dibschke Shelley Shumate Smith Ulrich 10 Nays none.

By Alderman Nibschke an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$800.<sup>00</sup> for the purpose of aiding West Austin Fire Company in the maintenance & operation of their company. The ordinance was read the first time & after discussion by the parties interested and by different Aldermen, the ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote -

Yeas - Aldermen Crook & Haynes Hume Miller Moore Dibschke Redd Shelley Shumate Smith Ulrich 11 Nays Alderman Schneider 1

Alderman Smith offered the following resolution which was read and adopted.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the Sanitary Inspector be authorized to sell one mile the property of the City, said mile being unfit for further use by the city.

Alderman Shelley offered the following resolution.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin -

Action 1 That it is the sense of the City Council that the

Sanitary police  
municipal  
miles

to be sold  
as

portion of the Charter creating and providing for the operation and maintenance of the Water, Light & Power Commission should be repealed, and said Water, Light & Power Commission be abolished, and the control and operation of the Water, light & power plant of the City of Austin be placed in the hands of the City Council.

Section 2 - That the Mayor be, and he is hereby, directed to appoint a Committee to be composed of two Members of the City Council, two Citizens, who are Taxpayers, and the City Attorney, whose duty it shall be to give proper Notice for the introduction of a bill in the ensuing Legislature for the purpose of amending the Charter of the City of Austin, so as to eliminate therefrom the Water, Light & Power Commission feature thereof, and to carry into effect the sense of this resolution.

Said Committee shall prepare or cause to be prepared such bill or bills as may be necessary to carry into effect this resolution and to confer and act with the local representatives and Senator in the introduction and passage of such measure or measures.

Alderman Shumate offered the following as a substitute for the resolution of Alderman Shelley.

Resolved that the Mayor issue a call for a special meeting of this Council for Friday evening May 10, for the purpose of considering the recommendation to the Legislature for an amendment to the Charter with reference to the abolishment of the Water & Light Commission and resolved further that the Mayor appoint and notify 30 representative citizens and tax payers to meet with the Council on said date to assist in framing such recommendation.

The Substitute was adopted by the following vote:

Yea Aldermen Grottkau, Kline, McLean, Moore, Ottoschke, Redd, Schmid, Shumate, Smith, Ulrich - 10  
 Nays Aldermen Hayes, Shelley - 2

On motion Aldermen Smith & City Attorney Stark were excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.

By Alderman Moore An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$42.00 for the purpose of purchasing a car of wood for the use of the City. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules of the Board of City Council.

Yea Aldermen Grottkau, Kline, McLean, Moore, Ottoschke, Redd, Schmid, Shumate, Smith - 11  
 Nays none

Substitute resolution

On motion Alderman Miller was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.

By Alderman Moore an ordinance permitting the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company to extend its track switch onto <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ from a point on East Avenue East on 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the intersection of Medina & 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Street Committee & City Attorney.

J. C. C. Johnson  
City Clerk